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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 06.13.2006

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed 06.13.2006 in which an election/ restriction requirement was issued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION. None.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS. None.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS. None.

REMARKS. None.

A **CLAIM INDEX** follows, starting on a new page.

ELECTION

The Examiner restricted the invention into three groups: I, II, and III, and suggested corresponding claims.

Applicant hereby elects group I, defined by the Examiner as claims 1-22, 27-42, and 61-67, drawn to a spinal rod system.

The Examiner further restricted Inventions I and II by species, identifying the following three species: A. Figs. 1-3; B. Fig. 7; and C. Figs. 8-9, 11-13.

The species of Figs. 1-3 includes Figs. 4-6 because, as clearly indicated in the originally filed application, Figs. 4-6 are merely additional views of the embodiment shown in Figs. 1-3.

Applicant hereby further elects species "C." The claims that read on the elected species, "C.", are: 1-22, 27-42, 61-67.

Respectfully submitted,


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